

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL DOC. NO. 715 APPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 1997

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS AND  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR CHANGES IN THE TIME LIMIT  
POLICY FOR ACCEPTING THE MASTER'S THESIS

**Current Requirements:** No policy exists; only a deadline which is not enforced consistently

**Summary of Proposed Change:** Create a Master's Thesis Deadline Policy

**Justification of the Proposed Changes:**

The proposed regulation is in response to the Graduate Student Services review in which decreasing the number of procedural appeals was recommended. The proposed regulation is consistent with the doctoral dissertation submission policy and would ensure that all students are treated equitably. Submission of thesis by the deadline date will facilitate degree processing and mailing of diplomas.

**Proposed Graduate School Regulation: (Bulletin copy)**

The completed Master's Thesis must be submitted to by the Graduate School by the published Graduate School submission deadline. This deadline is one week prior to the graduation ceremony date.

If this deadline is not met, the student must apply and graduate in the next semester. However, the student will not be required to register for the next semester if the thesis has been accepted by the Graduate School prior to the first day of classes for the next semester. The date of graduation, however, will be the next semester.

**Recommendation for Action:**

The Regulations and Requirements Committee recommends that the adoption of the Master's Thesis Deadline Policy be approved to start Semester I, 1997-98.